

Pay by Bag Starts September 1st

Beginning Wednesday, September 1, 2010, only specially-designated Town of Hopkinton trash bags will be accepted at the Transfer Station.

Pay by Bag (PbB), is Hopkinton's new "user fee" program for managing household waste that is supported by the purchase of special town bags. **You will now pay only for what *you* throw away.** PbB greatly increases recycling and benefits the environment and town budgets alike.

The new program requires that all household waste be disposed of in special green bags sporting the Hopkinton town seal. *No special bags will be needed for recyclables.*

IMPORTANT NEWS ON PLASTICS

Keep #3 - #7 and non-recyclable #1 & #2 plastics out of your town bags!

(These plastics include items such as yogurt, cottage cheese and margarine containers, berry boxes, Rx bottles, etc.) This measure, effective September 1, 2010, has been implemented to help residents make the most of their town bags. Kindly keep the #1 & #2 bottles/jugs we currently recycle separate from these items.

Note: Until recycling markets become available for these materials, they will be collected as recyclables but processed as regular household trash.

DETAILS, DETAILS, DETAILS:

Cost of the bags: \$ 1.25 for a 33-gallon bag and \$0.75 for a 13-gallon bag. They'll be sold in rolls of five and should be on sale August 16th.

Retail Locations:

In-town: Colonial Villager, Cracker Barrel, Mr. Mike's. (They'll also be sold at the Town Clerk's office until 9/30/10.)

Concord: Concord Co-operative Market, Hannaford's, Shaw's at Fort Eddy Plaza

Warner: Aubuchon Hardware



If you're not already recycling or composting, start now – take paper, it's 40% of your household waste and easy to recycle. See below for a list of items we currently recycle.

Need more info? Visit the other Pay by Bag pages on this website to for other ways to *save as you throw*. Also e-mail Hopkinton_recycles@yahoo.com if you have further questions.

Recycle and SAVE as you throw

WHAT WE RECYCLE:



Mixed Paper



Newspaper, magazines, junk mail, cereal and other food boxes, school papers, 6-pack carriers, etc. **Anything that tears!** (Clean and dry please.)

Plastic Bottles #1 & 2

Milk jugs, laundry detergent, dish soap, shampoo, beverage bottles, etc. (Look for a "1" or "2" on bottom of the bottle.) Please remove tops and rinse. Separate by number. **Plastic bottles ONLY** - *regardless* of the number on the bottom of the container. (See note on other plastics below)

Electronics

TVs, VCRs, computers and accessories, stereos, radios, games. Most items with a cord or batteries. *Please see attendant.*



Steel Cans



Soup, tuna, vegetable, cat and dog food cans, etc. Please rinse.

Aluminum Cans

No cat food cans or aluminum foil. Please rinse.



Glass



Bottles, jars, windows, dishes, ceramics, etc. Separation unnecessary. No windshield or reinforced glass.

Corrugated Cardboard

Please empty contents and flatten boxes. Clean and dry only.



Please see attendant for these items:

- **Fluorescent Bulbs:** *Unbroken only!* (Includes compact fluorescents - CFLs) These contain toxic mercury. Always recycle them!
- **Thermostats:** Mercury-switch, wall-mount units
- **Cell Phones & Rechargeable Batteries:** Li-ion, Ni-cd, Ni-MH, Ni-Zn, Pb. No alkaline batteries please – dispose of with regular trash.
- **Construction & Demolition Debris:** Shingles, sheet rock, painted/treated lumber, stumps over 5" in diameter.
- **Kitty/doggie-doo: (pet litter)**
- **Textiles:** Clean, bagged and usable
- **Scrap Metals:** Steel, iron, copper, aluminum, etc. (No charge for less than 400 lbs.)
- **Leaf And Yard Waste:** Leaves, garden clippings, etc.
- **Tires:** Fee based on rim/rimless and size
- **Waste Oil & Antifreeze:** Must be clean and unmixed with any other fluids.
- **Automotive Batteries:** Wet cell. Must be sealed –no missing caps.
- **Clean Wood/Brush:** Unpainted, untreated. Brush must be 5" in diameter or less
- **Bulky Items/Reusables:** Mattresses, carpet, grills, furniture, etc. Clean, unbroken items such as books, dishes, appliances, etc.

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